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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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For: Device For Securing At Least One
Optical Fibre to an Optical Apparatus

Group Art Unit: 2878

Examiner: Luu, Thanh X.

AMENDMENT

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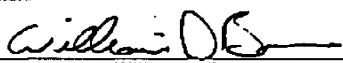
In response to an Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, carrying a statutory period of response which is set to expire on June 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1 - 18 and 22 - 29 are pending in this application. Claims 14, 16, 17 and 26 - 29 have been allowed. Claims 1 - 12, 18 and 23 - 25 have been rejected. Claims 13 and 15 are objected to.

The allowance of claims 14, 16, 17 and 26 - 29 as well as the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 13 and 15 is noted.

Figures 6 and 7 have been added in response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings. Figures 6 and 7 more clearly illustrate the coaxial alignment and out of

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alignment features of the present invention as described in the specification in the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 14, 18, 26, 27 and 28 have been amended to change the spelling of the term "fibre" to the American spelling "fiber" for consistency in the claims. No new matter has been added.